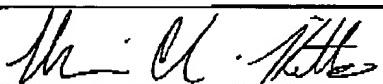


--42. The method according to claim 41, wherein the bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *M. tuberculosis*, *M. avium-intracellulare* and *M. bovis*.--

**REMARKS**

The above claim amendments have been made to correct underlining which was included in claims 35 and 36. New claims 41 and 42 use italics instead of underlining.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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